

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 185

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A RESOLUTION to honor Randell W. Meyers for more than fifty years of service with the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative.

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative has benefited greatly from the devoted service and leadership of its valued employees; and

WHEREAS, for more than five decades, Randell W. Meyers has served the cooperative with acumen and integrity, proving himself an invaluable and innovative leader as he has served the cooperative's 32,000 consumer members in Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, and Union counties in Tennessee and Lee, Wise, and Scott counties in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Claiborne County, Mr. Meyers began his tenure at Powell Valley Electric Cooperative (PVEC) on June 1, 1964, as an apprentice lineman; thereafter, he held the positions of bucket truck operator, crew leader, and director of technical services; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, he became director of operations for the cooperative's three district offices, in which capacity his responsibilities included supervision of outside operations; then, from 1991 to 1992, he served as assistant general manager; and

WHEREAS, in October 1992, Randell Meyers was named general manager for PVEC, and he later assumed the duties of chief executive officer, as well; as leader of the cooperative, he is responsible for overall administration and operation and is charged with helping provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost to the cooperative's members while improving the lives of the people in the service area; and

WHEREAS, during his term as manager, Randell Meyers has piloted PVEC and assisted the board through many innovative endeavors that greatly enhanced the cooperative's

financial standing while enabling it to hold its portion of retail rates virtually flat—an unparalleled feat in the industry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to his community through the cooperative, Mr. Meyers is a trustee of the Claiborne County Jaycees and Fair Association and has served two terms as a Tazewell City Councilman; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, he has enjoyed the love and companionship of his children, Jacqueline, Randell, Jr., Glenna Kay, and Emily, as well as his five grandchildren and his great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyers has earned the respect and admiration of PVEC's employees and board as well as his peers in the Powell Valley; his reputation as an outstanding electric system operator is second to none; and

WHEREAS, Randell Meyers has given unselfishly of his time and resources to ensure the continued viability of the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, and he is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Randell W. Meyers for nearly fifty-seven years of astute service with the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative, extending our best wishes for his continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.